



Tulane Environmental Law Clinic

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**VIA FOIA ONLINE**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 4 Freedom of Information

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear FOIA Officer:

On behalf of the Gulf Restoration Network, and pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §552, we hereby request the following documentation, in whatever form, electronic or otherwise:

**All documentation, from February 28, 2012, to the present, related to the establishment of a site-specific dissolved oxygen criterion for the Escatawpa River in Mississippi, including but not limited to documentation considered by EPA for its February 27, 2014, approval of this criterion.**

We request a waiver of fees associated with responding to this request. The subject of this request concerns the operations and activities of the EPA, a governmental agency, and the information sought is likely to contribute to both GRN and the public's understanding of these operations and activities. Further, this information is significant in terms of the public's understanding of EPA's processes because the information relates to EPA's approval of a water quality standard for a large public waterway in Mississippi – the Escatawpa River. GRN has no commercial interest in the information sought but, rather, seeks to determine the extent to which EPA performed its statutorily-mandated supervisory role over states' attempts to set water quality standards.

Should you decide that any of the requested material is not to be disclosed, please describe the material withheld and specify in detail the statutory or administrative basis for withholding it. All segregable, non-exempt parts of documents should be provided.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

s/ Lisa W. Jordan

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